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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Monday, 4th January 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Gandhi Statue at Avalurpet.

* 272 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the demolition of the wall constructed between the dwelling house and the Gandhi Statue at Avalurpet, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, ordered by the High Court, has been carried out; and if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. On 12th October 1953."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know why and by whom the wall was constructed and what was the basis for the order of the High Court? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The wall was constructed by some local residents. It was objected to. It was a matter of proceedings both before the Subdivisional Officer and the High Court. Finally, the High Court ordered that it may be demolished and it was demolished."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know whether the persons responsible for the construction of the wall were prosecuted? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice, Sir."

Subsidy for the construction of wells in the South Arcot district.

* 273 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many wells were constructed in the Cuddalore taluk of South Arcot district in 1952–53 with the help of Government subsidy or loans;

(*b*) how much amount was granted as subsidy for sinking wells;

(*c*) what is the amount of loan granted for sinking wells; and

(*d*) whether any agriculturists belonging to the Harijan Community received such benefits from the Government and the particulars of such benefit?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Eleven wells.

" (b) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to subsidy loans granted. The figures are—

Rs. 85,000 for 1950–51 and Rs. 1,02,500 for 1951–52.

" (c) It is presumed that the hon .Member refers to takkavi loans. The figures are—

Rs. 2,950 for 1950–51 and Rs. 4,800 for 1951–52.

" (d) No Harijan agriculturists received the benefit in those two years."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜனங்களிடமிருந்து குடிதண்ணீருக்காக கிணறுகள் வெட்ட வேண்டும் என்றும், எத்தனை கிணறுகள் வேண்டும் என்றும் எத்தனை மனுக்கள் வந்தன ? அதில் எவ்வளவு மனுக்கள் கவனிக்கப்பட்டன ? எவ்வளவு மனுக்கள் நிராகரிக்கப்பட்டன ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If a separate question is put, I will answer it."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know on what basis these loans are determined, who determines these loans, and are these loans available to-day for distribution all over the State? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, these loans are available for distribution all over the State. Local revenue officials enquire into applications and if the rules are satisfied, they sanction the loan."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" 1952-53-ம் வருஷத்தில் எவ்வளவு ஆர்டிசன் கிணறுகள் வெட்டப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I cannot say whether there are any artisan wells at all under that category."

Minimum wages for plantation workers.

* 274 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to implement the minimum wages paid to the plantation workers in Travancore-Cochin State to the Plantation workers in Madras State and if so, when this will be implemented?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No proposal of the kind mentioned in the question is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Some of the plantation owners of Travancore-Cochin State have plantations in this State also. Whereas they pay Rs. 1–9–6 for first grade workers and Rs. 1–4–0 for second grade workers per day in Travancore-Cochin State, they pay only Rs. 1–5–0 for first grade workers and Re. 1 for the second grade workers in this State. Will the Hon. Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to ask these owners to pay the same wages to the workers working in this State, as they pay to those working in the Travancore-Cochin State? "